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CL02L0513 - DIANNE C. MITCHELL

CLAIM OF: MONESIA YOUNGBLOOD  
AND JOHN ARNOLD,  
parents and legal guardian  
of Corey Ward, deceased,  
through their attorney,  
Shean D. Williams  
127 Peachtree Street, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

03- R-0020

For damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of the  
wrongful death of the claimants's son on July 14, 2002 at 3215  
Peachtree Road, NE.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS APPROVED

BY: Rosalind Rubens Newell  
ROSALIND RUBENS NEWELL  
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

## ADVERSE REPORT

COMM: Public Safety

DATE: 6/14/03

CHAIR: [Signature]

10/26/03

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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 02L0513

Date: December 12, 2002

Claimant /Victim MONESIA YOUNGBLOOD AND JOHN ARNOLD, parents and legal guardian of Corey Ward, deceased

BY: (Atty) Shean D. Williams

Address: 127 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Subrogation:        Claim for Property damage \$        Bodily Injury \$ Not Stated

Date of Notice: 07/24/02 Method: Written, proper X Improper       

Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X

Date of Occurrence 07/14/02 Place: 3215 Peachtree Road, NE

Department Police Division:       

Employee involved Officers R. S. Bunn and T. L. Mulkey Disciplinary Action:       

NATURE OF CLAIM: The claimants allege that their son was wrongfully shot and killed by police. However, the claimants have filed a lawsuit to resolve the issues raised in their claim.

### INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee        Claimant        Others        Written        Oral       

Pictures        Diagrams        Reports: Police X Dept Report        Other       

Traffic citations issued: City Driver        Claimant Driver       

Citation disposition: City Driver        Claimant Driver       

### BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental X Ministerial       


Improper Notice        More than Six Months        Other X Damages reasonable       

City not involved        Offer rejected        Compromise settlement       

Repair/replacement by Ins. Co.        Repair/replacement by City Forces       

Claimant Negligent        City Negligent        Joint        Claim Abandoned       

Respectfully submitted,

  
INVESTIGATOR - DIANNE C. MITCHELL

### RECOMMENDATION:

Pay \$        Adverse X Account charged: 1A01        2J01        2H01        2P01       

Claims Manager:  Concur/date 01-02-03

Committee Action:        Council Action

Police  
Mitchell  
07/25/02  
*[Signature]*

**THE COCHRAN FIRM**  
**COCHRAN, CHERRY, GIVENS, SMITH & SISTRUNK, P.C.**

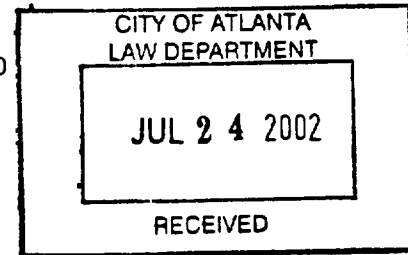
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303  
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July 23, 2002



**CERTIFIED MAIL -**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin  
55 Trinity, SW  
Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Cathy Woolard, Chairperson of City Council  
55 Trinity, SW  
Suite 2900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Chief Richard J. Pennington  
Atlanta Police Department  
675 Ponce de Leon Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Rosalind Rubens Newell, Esq.  
City Attorney  
68 Mitchell Street, SW  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30335

**RE: Notice of Injury and Claim against the City of Atlanta, Georgia**

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-33-5(b) and 36-1-1, this notice is to advise you that we have been retained by Monesia Youngblood and John Arnold, the parents and legal guardian of Corey Ward, who was brutally shot to death by a City of Atlanta Police Officer on or about July 14, 2002. As a result of this tragedy, Monesia Youngblood and John Arnold intend to file a lawsuit against the City of Atlanta, its police department and Officers R. S. Bunn and T. L. Mulkey, Jr. for the wrongful death of Corey Ward that occurred on July 14, 2002.

On the early morning of July 14, 2002, Corey Ward along with his friends was lawfully leaving a parking lot in Buckhead Atlanta in route home after socializing with friends. At the same time, Officers R. S. Bunn and T. L. Mulkey, Jr. drove up on Mr. Ward and his friends and pulled out firearms without identifying themselves as police officers. Without legal justification or probable cause, Officer R. S. Bunn immediately discharged his firearm at Mr. Ward. Based on our investigation, Officers R. S. Bunn and T. L. Mulkey's behavior constitutes a conscious disregard for the safety of others as well as an intentional violation of Mr. Ward's civil rights during the course of their duties as officers. Consequently, the City of Atlanta and its police department are vicariously liable for the consequences of these officers' reckless behavior.

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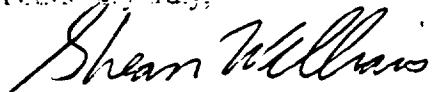
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Please allow this letter to serve as notice of the above-referenced claim and demand for compensation for the wrongful death, pain and suffering, and all special damages incurred by Monesia Youngblood and John Arnold as a result of this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

  
Sean D. Williams, Esq.

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